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The Union Labor Party of Indiana have nominated their State ticket.

The Cincinnati Telegram thinks "C. B. & Q." may be translated, "Come Back, and Quickly."

In another column will be found the letter of Folk Laffoon declining to make the race for Congress.

Mon. C. G. Memminger, one of the members of Jeff Davis' cabinet, died at Charleston, S. C., last week. Only two members survive him.

Democratic victories and astonishing gains are reported from all over the state of Iowa where local elections have recently been held.

A bill passed the House last week appropriating \$10,000 for the purchase of certain swords belonging to the widow of the late James Shields.

For the first time in twenty-eight years the court docket of Middle Tennessee, is clear, all the cases having recently been disposed of by the Supreme Court.

Pneumo-Pneumonia is raging among cattle in several counties of Maryland and hundreds are being slaughtered daily to prevent the spread of the terrible disease.

The Chicago and Louisville post-offices are being overhauled, and serious changes have been made. Too little attention is paid to this important branch of the government.

Hiram Pigman a notorious and desperate character of Eastern Kentucky who is said to have fired the shot that laid out Craig Tolliver died of delirium tremens at Morehead, last Thursday.

What is known as the Pharmacy Bill has passed the House. Its provisions require druggists in towns of 1,000 or more inhabitants to hold diplomas or certificates of competency from the State Board of Pharmacy.

A joint resolution has been offered in the House praying that the present session of the General Assembly be extended to April 2nd next, instead of adjournment on the 17th of the present month as previously agreed upon. After being amended so as to read "extended indefinitely," instead of April 2nd, it passed.

Failure to pay poll-tax is considered a misdemeanor in Mississippi now, and is punishable by a fine or imprisonment or both, at the discretion of the court or jury trying the case. This new law has just gone into effect, the present Legislature of that State having passed it a few days ago.

The Secretary of the United States Treasury has sent to the Lower House of Congress an estimate of the amount it will take to defray the expenses of observations of the total eclipse of the sun, which will be visible on the Pacific Coast January 1st, next, placing the amount necessary, at \$8,000.

A sleeping car on the Alabama Great Southern railroad was ditched by coming in contact with a broken rail while running at the rate of forty miles an hour, Thursday, and S. L. Woodbridge, of Lexington, Ky., and C. A. French, of New Orleans were seriously hurt. The car turned completely over slightly injuring a number of other passengers.

The House has refused to reconsider the vote by which was passed the bill to prohibit the sale or giving of liquors in the State on election days. The bill passed by a vote of 48 to 31. On a motion to reconsider, the vote was a tie and the Democratic Speaker decided the matter by casting his vote in favor of the bill as it now stands.

The Bath County Grand Jury has just adjourned, having returned over three hundred indictments. The most of the indictments are against persons charging them with unlawfully selling liquor. Mrs. Lula Neid who has been delivering temperance lectures in that county recently aroused the people to a quick sense of duty and this is the result.

The leading organ of the New England States' Manufacturers, the Providence, Rhode Island Journal says it is owing to free cotton and hides that two of the largest branches of manufacturing are kept in operation, and that free wool would start up a third great industry, which in a single line of men's wear now imported would give employment to 50,000 people, and double the population of the city of Providence.

Why can not Hopkinsville have a signal service station?—New Era. Because there are too many hills between that town and civilization. The man in the moon is not aware that there is such a place as Hopkinsville. He has heard of the name, but thinks it is a joke on geography.—Clarksville Chronicle.

The suggestion of the Clarksville editor that there are too many hills obscuring the necessary light from our city was caused from the fact that the tall hills which rise out of the metropolis on the Cumberland were weighing heavily upon his mind, and as they are on a direct line between us and the moon, this must be what cuts off the view of the "old man" who has charge of that luminary.

Away With the Railroad Commission.

[Owensboro Messenger.]

The Legislature is wrestling with the railroad question. It is a pity that this agitation will never cease. If there is any good in railroad legislation, it ought to accrue to the people of the State under the operations of the Inter-State Commerce law. Nearly everything that Kentucky produces finds a market beyond the limits of the State, over which the Inter-State Commission has supervision, and everything that is consumed which the people do not produce is brought from beyond the limits of the State, over which, in like manner the Inter-State Commission has control. It is absurd to discuss the business of the railroads of Kentucky from a purely State standpoint. The Inter-change of business between Kentucky and other States is the major part of the business which the railroads of the State carry. The agitation concerning the rates on coal is uncalled for.

It is very easy to understand what the people want, at least so far as applies to this section, and they do not want a bureau of Commissioners at an expense of eight or nine thousand dollars per annum to the State, which has no conception of its duty beyond a desire to produce friction between the people and the railroads.

The less of this friction there is the better will the people fare, for the railroads will certainly protect themselves from loss under all circumstances. The interference of Legislatures and commissions are altogether useless, from the fact that railroad business, like every other, is regulated by the laws of trade and competition, and their workings are only hindered by such interference. There can be no reason for this interference.

The passenger fares charged by the railroads of Kentucky are as low as those charged by railroads in any other State save New York, and the rates of freight will compare favorably with the rates in other States. In Illinois there is a commission which regulates the railroads, and yet the rate per ton per mile charged on freight by the Louisville and Nashville or the Chesapeake and Ohio is less than the rate collected in Illinois to the same extent. Let us have done with this cry against our railroads.

The business men of the State do not encourage it; it comes simply from demagogues and office-hunters, who hope to ride into office on this clamor by misleading the masses, who, having no direct business intercourse with the railroads, are led to believe that the railroads are oppressing the people.

There is a bill now pending before the House, providing for the infliction of corporal punishment upon persons convicted on the charge of wife-beating. The bill makes it the duty of the Sheriff of the County in which the crime was committed, to administer the flogging, and limits the number of lashes to forty. Twelve months imprisonment in the county jail may also be added, the latter clause being left optional with the jury or Court trying the case. Should the act pass, it will interfere with the professional wife-regulators.

Mary Warner was hanged in the Jeffersonville, Ind., jail yard, at 10:50 A. M., last Friday, for the murder of a fellow-convict in April of last year. Warner was cool and collected and faced his horrible death like a man. He attributed his downward career to whiskey and bad company, and addressing those present at the execution, said "If any of you ever put a glass of liquor to your lips think of Mary Warner with this rope in his hand and before you drink look into the bottom of the glass and see if you cannot see a rope there."

There is, of course, no little curiosity among the people as to the points of difference between the Burlington railroad and its engineers. The difference is practically formulated by Chief Engineer Arthur thus: The Burlington pays an engineer \$3.45 for the first grade, \$3.10 for the second, and \$2.55 for the third for hauling a train 120 miles, but the other railroads of the Northwest pay all engineers alike, \$1.20 for that service, or 35 per cent. more than the Burlington.—Courier-Journal.

The Congressional Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, has reported a bill placing the telegraph companies of the country under control of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, to deal with that business as it now controls railroad companies. This is thought a better plan than taking the telegraph into ownership of the United States. Congress is not considered expert in running railroads and telegraph lines.—Frankfort Capital.

The Mills tariff bill it is estimated if passed would return an average of \$1 to every man, woman, and child in the United States. This will enable a good many to take the Kentuckian who are not now able, as they will not mind spending the money Uncle Sam returns them.

In this issue appears a correct market report in which a number of our citizens are directly or indirectly interested, and the report will in future be corrected weekly, giving a reliable report of the various products and we think will be of much benefit, especially to the farmers, keeping them thoroughly posted about their home market.

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A man who has practiced medicine for 40 years ought to know salt from sugar; read what he says: Toledo, O., Jan. 10, 1887.

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

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Following is a list of the most important Senate bills passed since our last report: To protect water-works companies and to prevent the pollution of reservoirs in Fayette county; to repeal acts concerning the protection of fish in Casey county; to impose a tax on dogs in Gallatin county; to incorporate the town of Morton's Gap, in Hopkins county; to incorporate the town of White Plains; for the benefit of the Christian County Driving Park; to regulate the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors in Columbia, in Adair county; to incorporate the Bank of Harlan; to incorporate the Bank of Murray, in Calloway county; to establish a public landing on the Ohio river, in Jefferson Co.; to incorporate the Bank

of Shepherdsville; to incorporate the Uniontown Building and Loan Association; to extend the charter of the Bank of Hopkinsville; to incorporate the Evansville Bridge Company; to enable and empower Cloverport to subscribe stock to the Cloverport and Fordville Railroad; to regulate the sale of liquors in the county of Elliott; and one to incorporate the Frankfort Safety Vault and Trust Company.

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